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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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APPLICATION NO.: NOT YET ASSIGNED : Examiner: David Lukton
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TITLE: SOMATOSTATIN ANTAGONISTS and :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

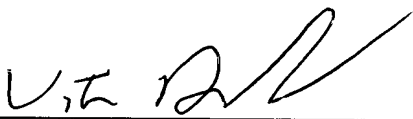
Prior to examination herein, Applicants respectfully amend as follows.

On Page 1 of the Specification, at lines 5-9 (directly beneath the Title), please delete the entire text of the priority claim, and replace it with the following paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation of U.S. application No. 09/747,437 filed December 21, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/618,029 filed July 17, 2000. The 09/747,437 application, the 09/618,029 application, and the present application, all claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/151,830 filed September 1, 1999. The text of the 09/747,437 application is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth. --

Respectfully submitted,

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